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DEPLOYABLE GASKET ELEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with Rules 1.56 and 1.98, Reference AA listed on Form PTO-1449 is cited and discussed on Page 4 of the referenced patent application and are brought to the attention of the Examiner as being possibly material to examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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